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# Leaves

**A Passion  
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**A Passion  
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**David McInnis '03**







## The Power of International Service Learning

### Dear Lasell Alumni and Friends:

I would like to share with you an important example of how your future support of the College could help transform our institution by transforming the lives of our students.

Some eight years ago, Associate Professor of English Stephanie Athey, who oversees our Honors Program, started the Mexico Shoulder to Shoulder Program, a service-learning trip in which she and other faculty members accompany 12 students for one week to help build a better life for impoverished people in the Veracruz region of Mexico. In accordance with our Strategic Plan, we have in recent years offered three additional trips, with the newest one starting this year: a journey to the jungles of the Amazon. When our students return from these service-oriented visits to Ecuador, Nicaragua, Brazil or Mexico, it is obvious that their lives have been transformed forever (see pages 4-5). They are more mature. They are more serious about their studies and their professional aspirations. Their passions for both learning and community service have blossomed into full flower. These students bring their experiences with them back into the classroom, enriching subsequent academic life not only for themselves but for other students as well.

Approximately 40 students will participate in service-learning trips this year; another 20 are slated for academically-oriented trips to France or China, and as many as 80 will take a semester to study abroad. Having observed the accelerated growth in students who have these international experiences, I cannot help but wonder what the effect would be if we could offer such opportunities to every Lasell student. What would be the impact on our institution if international learning experiences became a central part of the core Lasell academic experience? What would it do for our identity? What would it do for our reputation? What would it do for the marketing of the College? How would it affect our attractiveness in the admissions process? It's obvious to me that the answers to all these questions would likely be positive.

To achieve such a thing would require resources. Resources to plan and execute trips, to hire the staff to administer such an extensive program and to fund the financial aid to subsidize students who could not pay the incremental costs on their own. To fulfill such a dream would require the support of foundations or government funding or the inspired gift of one or more friends.

The point I'm trying to make is that at Lasell your philanthropy, your energy and your support can make a powerful difference in improving the student experience. I thank you for what you have done, for what you are doing and for what you will do in the future.

Sincerely,

**Michael B. Alexander**  
President



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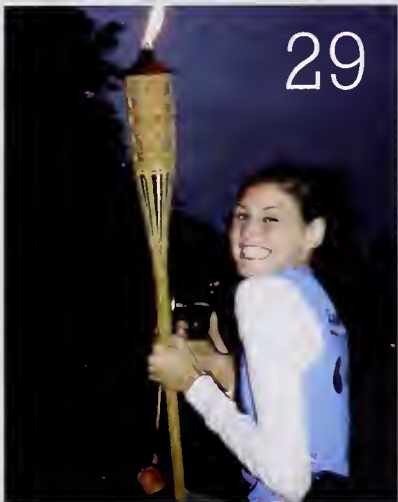
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## Senator Scott Brown to Speak at Commencement



US Senator Scott Brown, the Republican junior senator from Massachusetts, will deliver the keynote address at Lasell's 157th commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 15.

A member of the Senate Committees on Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Brown represented the Ninth Norfolk District in the State Legislature prior to his 2010 election to the US Senate.

At the 11 am Lasell ceremony, Brown will also receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

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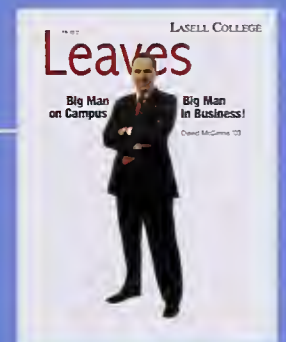
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**On Location:** Chelsea Comeau '08 practices reading with a student in Nicaragua, shares a smile in Peru and greets a feathered friend in Mexico.

# EXPANDING HORIZONS

## Chelsea Comeau '08 Reflects on Life-Changing Lasell Trips

Like many first-year students at Lasell, when Chelsea Comeau '08 arrived on campus she had not ventured far beyond New England, let alone considered her place in a global community.

But that all changed once she discovered Lasell's eclectic slate of community service opportunities both inside and outside the United States.

"These trips changed my perspective. I suppose I had never really seen myself as a world citizen—Mainer, sure. American, I guess. But never as an active member of the world with a responsibility that extends beyond political borders," says Comeau, whose life and career have been altered by those formative experiences at Lasell.

From her first trips through Lasell's Center for Community-Based Learning, where she helped build a Habitat for Humanity house in Florida, to her last service trip to Nicaragua with Shoulder to Shoulder, where she built water

filters and supported literacy efforts for citizens in San Juan del Sur, Comeau saw firsthand the hardships and poverty others in the world faced.

She says it was her maiden international trip to Mexico as a sophomore that opened her eyes wide.

"At the time I felt rather guilty about my naiveté; but now I'm just grateful that I was given the opportunity to learn about the poverty of Mexico and other third-world countries," she says.

The English major had planned to teach high-school English upon graduation, until the impact of those service trips began to sink in.

"After a while I realized that what I really wanted to do was teach youth to care—whether it was about literature or world issues," Comeau says.

Last year, while teaching on the island of St. John, Comeau felt compelled to enlighten her students



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about the struggles of their Haitian neighbors following the destructive earthquake there.

Her class worked with others to send a large supply container to the small Island of La Vaca, off the coast of Port Au Prince. As a teacher, it was the first time she was able to directly engage her students in service learning activities.

"It seems that the ideas of human rights should be blended into every aspect of education at every level," Comeau adds. "Maybe then we can begin to live in a just world."

Now, she finds herself between volunteer teaching stints in Pisco, Peru through a program called Pisco Sin Fronteras—created after an earthquake leveled that city three years ago. The opportunity was right up her alley because the participants build homes and teach English "on the side."

After this, Comeau has her sights set on graduate work at the University of San Francisco studying International and Multicultural Education with a focus on Human Rights.

Comeau hopes the program will help her realize the dream of merging teaching and service as a career.

"Every decision I have made regarding jobs and where to live has been guided by the lessons I learned from my service experiences at Lasell," Comeau says. "I have no idea what type of person I would have become if I had not had the opportunity to not only travel to Mexico and Nicaragua, but also to sit in on Lasell classes taught by professors like Stephanie Athey, Joseph Aieta, or Dennis Frey."

## International Service Learning Programs


**Explore the Environment of Ecuador** Students are able to earn one credit while studying Ecuador's culture over winter break. The 10-day trip teaches students to help protect the country's biologically diverse environment.

**Mexico Shoulder to Shoulder** This four-credit course provides students with two weeks of ground study and service in Mexico, and includes home stays with Mexican families, intensive manual labor and reflective intellectual work.

**Nicaragua Shoulder to Shoulder** involves a spring trip to San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, where students can volunteer alongside community members. Students are also required to create a related academic component for one of their spring courses.

**Ecotourism in Brazil** is a one-week on-the-ground service-based experience related to ecotourism in Brazil, specifically in the Amazon region. Students take educational trips to learn about the ecosystem and the many plant and animal species in the region, and visit local communities and non-government organizations that are helping sustain the economy of the Amazonian locals.



A man with short dark hair, smiling, is seated in a dark wooden chair. He is wearing a dark navy blue suit jacket, a light blue dress shirt, and a red tie with a small white paisley pattern. He is also wearing a gold-toned wristwatch on his left wrist and a ring on his left ring finger. His legs are crossed at the ankles. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. To the left, a framed certificate or diploma is partially visible, with the letters 'SBLI' clearly legible. To the right, a window with dark wood framing is visible. The lighting is warm and focused on the man.

At Ease: McInnis '03 back on campus.

David Carlson photo

David McInnis '03

# A Business Success Launched at Lasell

## A small dynamic college.

That's what Farmingdale, Long Island high-school senior David McInnis '03 was looking for in 1999. And once Lasell reached his radar, he knew he'd found it.

"Lasell was going through a transformation at that time, and I realized I could influence the direction of an incredibly historic institution," he says. Couple that with the warm welcome McInnis received when visiting campus, and the decision to opt for a Lasell education seemed a natural.

From the beginning, he found Lasell "a place of low ego and high respect," he tells *Leaves*, "that values the individuality of its students." McInnis was confident the College would be an environment "where I'd be encouraged to contribute."

And contribute he did—and does.

A Business Administration major, McInnis credits the wide-ranging educational foundation he got at Lasell with enriching his perspective and critical thinking skills—and setting him on a positive path for life.

As an undergrad, he played varsity soccer and lacrosse, was senior class president and launched the student newspaper, *The 1851 Chronicle*. He gives special shout-outs to Professors Jeff Corcoran, David Carlson, Becky Kennedy, Malini Pillai, Steve Bloom and Joe Aieta "who taught me to peel back the layers of where I came from,

who I was and how, by thinking logically, I could influence where I was going." And likewise gives nods to Athletic Director Kristy Walter and Giovanni Pacini and Tim Dunton "who coached me on sport, life and leadership, emphasizing that nothing great comes without hard work, discipline and loyalty."

McInnis began his business consulting career in Boston, moved to New York to work for Adecco, followed up with a stint as an assistant VP at Wachovia Corporation and currently is an executive search consultant at the New York offices of Leathwaite International, a London-based global executive search firm. For now, he and his wife, Jessica, a middle-school guidance counselor, are savoring life on Manhattan's Upper East Side with their Wheaten Terrier, Rufus. The next McInnis chapter is likely to be "a move out of the city to start a family and breathe some clean air."

As a new Lasell Trustee (see page 14), McInnis' priorities are to influence a culture of giving among younger alums, focus on improving student-alumni engagement and offer "perspective from someone who lived at Lasell in its four-year coeducational incarnation." He is passionate about the importance of giving back to his alma mater in terms of time, energy (including annual appearances at the reunion alumni athletic games) and financial support, "because Lasell is where I started to spread my wings and become who I am today."

"When you support the College," McInnis tells *Leaves*, "the gift gives back to you personally."

"Lasell was going through a transformation at that time, and I realized I could influence the direction of an incredibly historic institution."



# Off the Shelf

Recent books and scholarly journal publications by Lasell College faculty include a rich roster of titles and topics, among them:

**Joseph Aieta**, Professor of Humanities

- "Islam: Cultural Transmitter and/or Cultural Dictator?" in *The European Mind: Narrative and Identity*, Malta University Press, 2010.

**Bradford Allen**, Associate Professor of Mathematics

- "Balancing Cost and Precision in Hospital Accountability Sampling" in *Journal for Healthcare Quality*, Wiley InterScience, Perla, R.J. and Allen, B.D., 2010.

**Richard Bath**, Associate Professor of Fashion

- Wrote and presented the winning Community Public Service Project in the *Mark Twain Masonic Awareness Award*, 2010.

**Steven Bloom**, Professor of English

- "Eugene O'Neill" chapter in *The Oxford Handbook of American Drama*, Ed. Jeffrey H. Richards, Oxford University Press, 2011.

**Linda Bucci**, Associate Professor of Legal Studies

- "A Case In Point: How a European Nation and its Immigrant Muslim Population May Work Together Despite Differing Views on Issues of Criminal Law with Respect to Women" in *The European Mind: Narrative and Identity (Volume 1)*, Ed. Henry Frendo., Malta University Press, 2010.

**Kenneth Calhoun**, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design

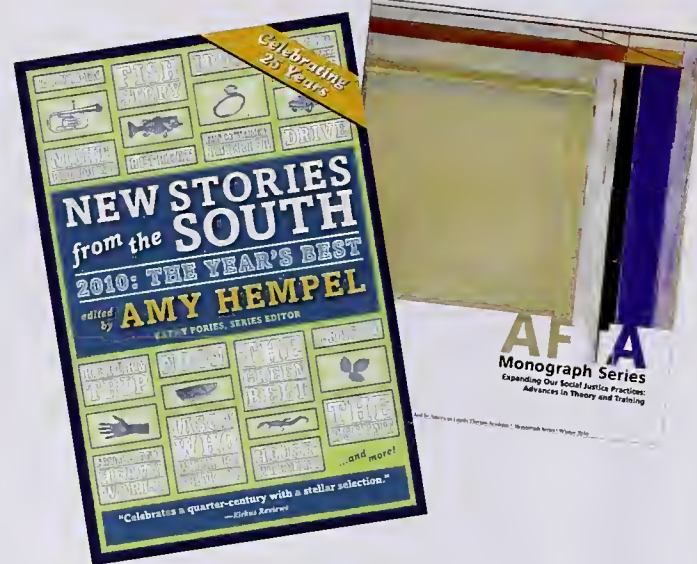
- "Nightblooming" (winner of the 2011 PEN/O. Henry Prize for Short Fiction) in *New Stories from the South: The Year's Best 2010*, Algonquin Books.

**Gary Donato**, Lecturer in History/Government

- Book reviews: "The Atlantic Century: Four Generations of Extraordinary Diplomats who Forged America's Vital Alliance with Europe" by Kenneth Weisbrode for *Choice Review*, September 2010.
- "Impeached: The Trial of President Andrew Johnson and The Fight for Lincoln's Legacy" by David O. Stewart for *Choice Review*, March 2010.
- "Ronald Reagan and the House Democrats: Gridlock, Partisanship, and the Fiscal Crisis" by Karl Gerard Brandt for *Choice Review*, February 2010.

**Kimberly Farah**, Professor of Chemistry

- "2010 The Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act (TURA): An Innovative Strategy for Reducing Urban Environmental Pollution" (with M. Ansaldi) for *Procedia Environmental Sciences*, 2011.



**Dennis Frey**, Associate Professor of History

- "Aufgeklärte Toleranz—German Identity and Islam During an Age of Globalism" in *The European Mind: Narrative and Identity*, Vols. I and II, Malta University Press, 2010.

**Charlene Geary**, Lecturer in Business Administration

- "Estate Management and Preventive Maintenance: How to Maintain Your Home So It's Ready to Sell at Anytime" for *B&G Publishing Group*, 2010.

**Hortense Gerardo**, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Humanities

- "Model Behavior" and "The Dress Rehearsal" for *The Seven Deadly Sins: A Collection of New Plays*, Salem, NH Ghostlight Theater Publication, 2010.
- "The Dramatist" for *The Journal of the Dramatists' Guild of America, Inc.*, Boston.

**Elizabeth Hartmann**, Assistant Professor of Education

- "Understanding Teachers' Self-Efficacy to Support Children with Deaf-Blindness" for *AER Journal: Research and Practice in Visual Impairment and Blindness*, 2010.
- "A Survey of Parents of Children with Cortical or Cerebral Visual Impairment (with B. Jackel and M. Wilson) for *The Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*, 2010.
- "Curriculum Recommendations for Inclusive Teacher Education" (with four co-authors) for *The International Journal of Whole Schooling*, 2010.

**Dana Janbek**, Assistant Professor of Public Relations

- "Telecenter Web Portals in Latin American and Arab Nations: A Comparative Analysis" (with Paola Prado) for *The Journal of Community Informatics*, 2011.

**Rebecca Kennedy**, Associate Professor of English

- "When Spring" and four other poems for *Iodine Poetry Journal*, *Nimrod International Journal 53* and *Plainsongs*, 2010.

**Margo Lemieux**, Associate Professor of Art and Graphic Design

- Review: "The Lisbeth Zwerger Exhibition at the Eric Carle Museum" for *The Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators News*, August 2010.





**Tessa Le Roux**, Associate Professor of Sociology

- Book review: "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot for *The Journal of Family Theory and Review*, published by the National Council on Family Relations, New York: Crown Publishers, March 2011.

**Marsha Mirkin**, Associate Professor of Psychology

- "Hearing Student Voices: Developing Diversity Sensitivity and Humility on a College Campus" (with five Lasell alumni co-authors) for *The American Family Therapy Monograph*, Winter 2010.
- "Elijah's Ghost: A Female Jewish Therapist Explores the Legacy of Love, Fear, Social Action, and Faith" for *Women and Therapy: A Feminist Quarterly*, 2010.
- "Issues of Power in the Training of Mental Health Professionals at the Undergraduate Level" for E. Pinderhughes and V. Jackson *Untitled Text* on theme of power in the training of mental health professionals, 2010.

**Joann Montepare**, Professor of Psychology

- "New Work, New Stories: A Community Program to Empower Older Adults Seeking Encore Careers" (with four co-authors) for *The International Conference on Positive Aging*, 2010.
- Book review: "Aging and Time: Multidisciplinary Perspectives" for *The International Quarterly of Community Health Education*, 2010.
- "Cue, View, Action: An Ecological Approach to Person Perception" in E. Balcitis and G.D. Lassiter (Eds.) for *The Social Psychology of Visual Perception*, 2010.

**Michelle Niestepski**, Assistant Professor of English

- *Instructor's Resource Manual* (with two co-authors) to accompany *The Longman Handbook for Writers and Readers*, 6th ed., 2010.

**Jennifer Ostrowski**, Assistant Professor of Athletic Training

- "Fourth Cranial Nerve Palsy in a Collegiate Lacrosse Player: A Case Report" for *The Journal of Athletic Training*, 2010.
- "The ATEP-Educated Athletic Trainer: Educational Satisfaction and Technique Use within the Psychosocial Intervention and Referral Content Area" (with J.J. Hamson-Utley) for *The Athletic Training Education Journal*, 2010.

**Lizbeth Halliday Piel**, Assistant Professor of History

- "Loyal Dogs and Meiji Boys: The Controversy Over Japan's First Children's Story" for *Children's Literature* 38, May 2010.
- Book review: "Children as Treasures: Childhood and the Middle Class in Early Twentieth-Century Japan" by Mark A. Jones for *The Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* 4, March 2011.

**LeLaina Romero**, Assistant Professor of Psychology

- "Psychological Interventions in the Context of Poverty: Participatory Action Research as Practice" (with L. Smith) for *The American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 2010.

**Ed Sieh**, Associate Professor of Justice Studies

- "Philosophical Underpinnings of Community Corrections" for *The Encyclopedia of Community Corrections*, 2011.

**Annee Spileos Scott**, Lecturer in Art and Graphic Design

- "A Hellenic Perspective on U.S. Art" for *The Athens News*, July 2010.

**Anh Le Tran**, Assistant Professor of Economics and Management

- "Việt-nam Résistant" ("Vietnam's Approach to the South China Sea Disputes" written in French) for *Outre-Terre*, 2010.
- "Vietnam in the East Asian Economic Context" for *The Saigon Times*, June 2010.
- "Vietnam: From Transitional State to Asian Tiger?" (with F. Gerald Adams) for *World Economics* 11, 2010.

**Melissa Van Hyfte**, Assistant Professor of Hospitality and Event Management

- "Defining Visitor Satisfaction in the Context of Camping Oriented Nature-Based Tourism—the Driving Force of Quality" (with M. O'Neill and K. Riscinto-Kozub) for *The Journal of Vacation Marketing*, 2010.
- "A Comparison Study of U.S. and Non-U.S. Education Internationalization Practices of Hospitality and Tourism Programs (with B. Ayoun and M. O'Neill) for *The Journal of Teaching in Travel & Tourism*, 2011.

**Brian Wardyga**, Assistant Professor of Communication

- Blog: "Changing Times in Video Production for U.S. Innovators," June 2010.



# media matters

**WBZ Radio's Women's Watch** program interviewed three Lasell personalities in early spring, **Paula Panchuck**, vice president for Lasell Village at Lasell College, **Joann Montepare**, director of Lasell's RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies and **Dana Janbek**, assistant professor of public relations.

**Lasell basketball player Sean Bertanza** was featured in *Newton Patch* online in February 2011 after netting 55 points in a single game against St. Joseph's College. At the time, it was the highest single game score for a single NCAA player for the season.



In February 2011, **Fox 25 News at 6** interviewed **Marc Fournier** (left), Lasell's assistant director of Plant Operations and Sustainability, about one of Lasell's newest green efforts: turning used cooking oil from Valentine Dining hall into heating oil for local shelters.

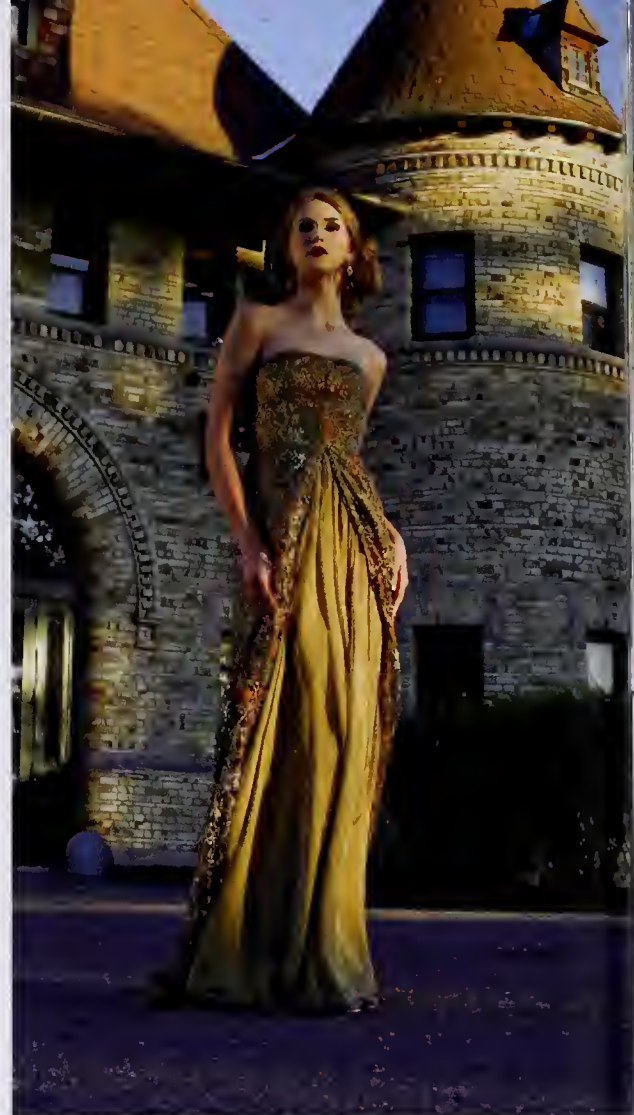
**Professor Hector Iweka** and members of two business classes received mention in an article by the *Allston-Brighton Tab* for their involvement in the Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation's 30th anniversary gala in December 2010. As part of a **connected learning project**, the students helped plan the menu, created slide shows about the organization and monitored the overall flow of the event.

**The Waltham News Tribune and The Boston Globe – Globe West** covered a unique photography exhibit created through a partnership between Lasell College and the Waltham Community Day Center. **Homelessness Through Their Eyes**, which debuted in Waltham last fall, involved Lasell Honors and Communication students working jointly with Day Center guests who took day-in-the-life photos while students helped write a narrative.

**Boston.com** covered the **Encore Careers Summit** held at Lasell College in November 2010. The summit was a result of a partnership between Lasell's RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies and the Newton-based organization Discovering What's Next.

In November 2010, **WKRO AM 680** interviewed **Joann Montepare**, director of Lasell's RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies, about the Encore Careers Summit.

**Double Take?** Yes, that's Barack Obama's main man **David Axelrod** with Lasell Village honcho **Paula Panchuck**. In March, Axelrod visited his mother, Village resident Myril Bennett, and gave an informal talk to a rapt crowd.



**Lasell Fashion alum Nara Paz '09** (see page 18) received coverage in *The Boston Globe* and on *Boston.com* for her **evening gown design** (pictured above) worn by Boston TV personality Gail Huff, wife of Massachusetts US Senator Scott Brown, to a White House holiday party.

In September 2010, *The Boston Globe* featured a lengthy obituary of **Donald Winslow**, former Lasell historian and archivist and son of previous Lasell President Guy Winslow. The *Globe* coverage appeared on the same day as a memorial service held on campus.





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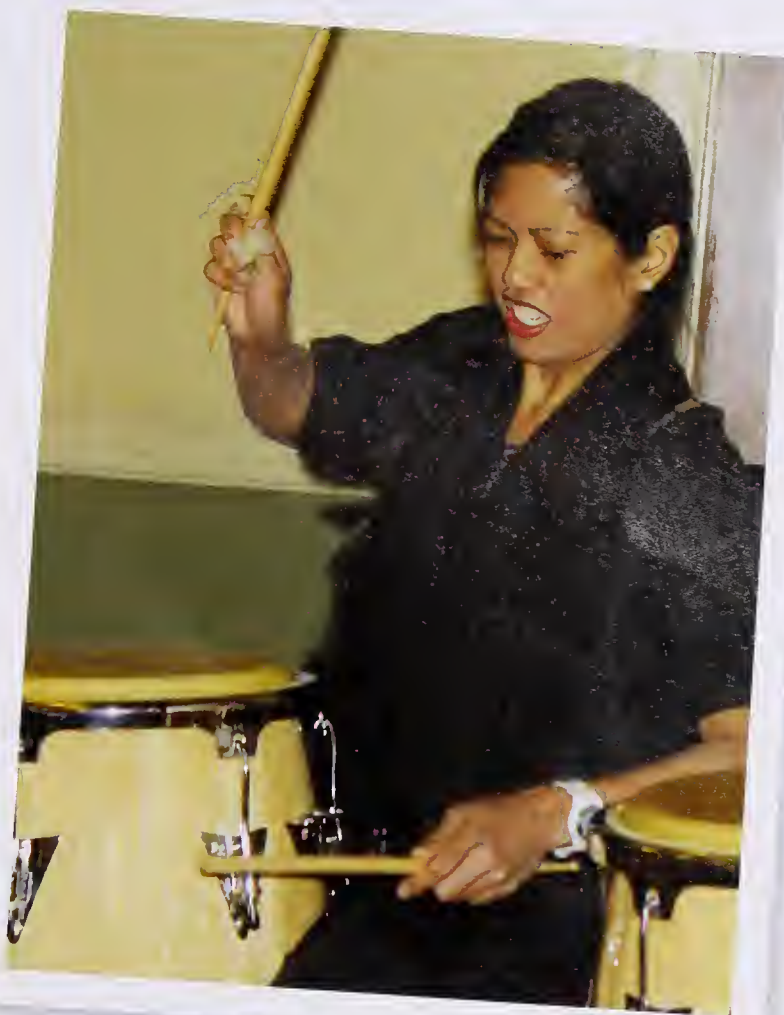
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Hortense Gerardo

# On and Off Stage

Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Humanities **Hortense Gerardo's** primary scholarly focus is on "the intersection of artistic identity and economic survivability," and her personal and professional interests signal that diversity. She holds a BA in Biology, an MA in Anthropology and a Ph.D. in Anthropology and Performance Studies, all from Boston University; her dissertation was on the economic vulnerability of dancers as seen through the lens of a cultural anthropologist. An accomplished playwright and screenwriter, Gerardo is the recipient of numerous artist grants, residencies and professional development awards, her work produced by theater and independent film companies in this country and abroad—from La Mama in New York to international festivals in Italy. *Leaves* caught up with the dynamic professor as she was conducting rehearsals for the College's spring theatrical production, Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*.



Hortense Gerardo in action.

• **Why is Lasell such a good fit for you?** The College provides a creative and supportive environment for students, faculty and senior residents to engage in academic and artistic exploration—a rare combination that speaks to my worldview.

• **Your list of professional and service activities, presentations, publications and exhibitions is remarkable. How do you juggle it all?** My loved ones remind me to breathe, laugh and stay hydrated!

• **As the College's theatrical advisor in residence you also managed to produce Lasell's ambitious student musical production, *Cabaret*, last fall.** There was a steep learning curve for me, working with such a large cast, crew and musicians. In the end, the hard work paid off. We surprised ourselves in a good way.

• **What books are currently on your night table?** Philip Roth's *American Pastoral*, John Updike's *Couples* and Peter LaSalle's *Tell Borges If You See Him*.

• **All-time favorite films?** *Fourhand*, *The Philadelphia Story*, *Casablanca*, *Wings of Desire*, *Annie Hall* and *Dr. Strangelove*.

• **Other passions?** I consider myself very fortunate in that my interests—travel, theater, film and dance—also happen to be an integral part of my academic work.

• **You are particularly engaged by writing and playwrighting that deals with "ethnicity and power relations."** Being a first-generation Asian Pacific Islander American, my academic inquiries are an ongoing attempt to understand how someone like me fits into a world whose determinants of power are social

class, race, gender and religion—whether from an evolutionary, societal or highly personal point of view. And to understand how I can help make the world a better place by the time I depart.

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# BEHIND THE SCENES

## Mary Barbara Alexander

**Actress, activist, animal lover, dog trainer, vocalist, equestrian.**

With diverse interests and an equally diverse background, the wife of Lasell's ninth President is playing her latest role with flair. In this current chapter of her life, Mary Barbara Ciardelli Alexander has embraced all the duties that come with the First Lady title, adding a few that are distinctly her own.

In addition to expected attendance at major events and on fundraising trips, Mary Barbara Alexander has put her professional and academic credentials to work at Lasell. As a board member of Population Connection, she has taught undergrads about population stabilization; she has also welcomed pre-schoolers to the Alexander Sherborn farm to meet the family's pony, and given young Lasell actors a workshop on dialects.

"I enjoy working with students to experience their sheer energy," Alexander tells *Leaves*. "Once they open up, you can see the lightbulbs going on. It's so gratifying to watch them develop from uncertain teenagers to confident young women and men."

*Leaves* recently caught up with Lasell's First Lady, as she discussed global population issues with Professor Michael Daley's Geography class on campus and simultaneously prepared for a trip with the President to Turkey, Switzerland and Ireland to explore possible partnerships for the College.

**"I enjoy working with students to experience their sheer energy."**



**At Home:** Lasell's First Lady on the farm.

Alexander took a circuitous route to Lasell, including years in New York and Los Angeles pursuing an acting career, environmental conservation work in Massachusetts during the first Dukakis administration and, before that, studying primate communication while pondering a career in veterinary medicine. She completed a graduate degree in Zoology from Ohio State University before the west coast beckoned.

"I decided that I really liked working in television and film, and that was the impetus to go to L.A.," says Alexander of the couple's Hollywood stint. "Michael and I went there for a three-week vacation and ended up staying for more than three years."

With memorable roles—including a pregnant (she was!) travel agent on *One Day at a Time*, when she worked with actress Valerie Bertinelli and hung out with her rock star husband Eddie Van Halen; a part in the prime-time soap *Dangerous Women*, where she

scored some amazing costumes and clothing, and playing a Klingon on *Star Trek Voyager* in its final TV season—the decision to return to Massachusetts was a tough one. But, "supporting each others' careers" is intrinsic to their relationship, she says.

Since returning to the Bay State, Alexander has embraced local conservation efforts, volunteers for her alma mater Smith College, trains the family's Portuguese Water Dogs for competition and has resumed training for Julian, their American Holsteiner (and great-grandson of Secretariat), with daughter Maggie.

Is this where the Columbus, Ohio native imagined herself at this point in her life?

"I'm not sure I ever had a vision this far ahead," she tells *Leaves*. "Being in the entertainment business makes it difficult to know what's going to happen, because 'making it' is so hit or miss. I am very happy in my life and have had such a variety of experiences; it's almost as if I have starred in my own adventure film."

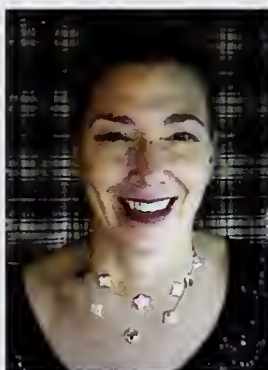


# Four New Lasell Trustees Named



**Gerald (Gerry) DeRoche**, chief executive officer of Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans (NEADS), is a former partner in KAGE Associates pro bono consulting organization, a former senior vice president at Bank of America and executive vice president at

Fleet Financial Group. His distinguished career as a senior executive in a variety of for-profit and not-for-profit settings includes extensive experience in retail risk management, merger and acquisitions integration and developing innovative solutions managing large and small teams. DeRoche also is a trustee of Emerson Umbrella and of the National Braille Press. Educated at the Stonier Graduate School of Banking in New Jersey, DeRoche holds a BS in Marketing from the University of Connecticut School of Business Administration and an MBA in finance from that university's Graduate School of Business Administration. DeRoche and his wife Kathleen, who works in real estate marketing, have two children and live in Concord, MA.



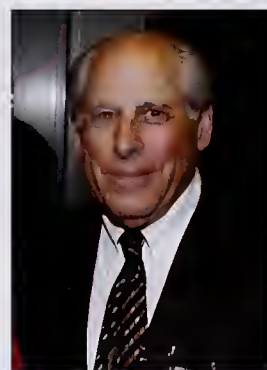
**Susan Rinklin Dunne '82** grew up in Babylon, New York and graduated from Lasell College in 1982 with a major in Open Studies. She went on to earn a BA degree from Lynchburg College in 1985. Dunne began her career as a corporate headhunter at

Quantum Management Services, a New York recruitment firm, where she worked for 10 years before retiring to raise three children. A member of the Lasell Board of Overseers since 2004, Dunne also serves on the board of Children Affected by AIDS and is a mentor to at-risk New York teenage girls through the Student Sponsor Partners program. She and her husband Jimmy Dunne live in New York City, where he is senior managing principal and co-founder of Sandler O'Neill + Partners, an investment banking firm.



**David McInnis '03**, a Farmingdale, NY native, has seven years of experience leading competency-based recruitment of senior technologists within the financial services industry. While earning his BS in Business from Lasell, McInnis

was senior class president, played varsity soccer and lacrosse, founded and edited the College's *1851 Chronicle* student newspaper and received the Lasell Bowl for outstanding contributions to campus life. Currently an executive search consultant with Leathwaite International, a global executive search firm headquartered in London, McInnis lives on Manhattan's Upper East Side with his wife, Jessica, a middle-school guidance counselor (see pages 6-7).



**Mark Mendell**, co-chairman of Cannon Design and president of Cannon Design International, is recognized internationally for his significant contributions to contemporary architecture. Cannon Design is a leading global design firm operating

17 offices across the US, Canada, China and India, with work in 25 countries in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Mendell holds a BS in Architecture from the Rhode Island School of Design and a Certificate from the Politecnico di Milano. In 2003, he was inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects and has been a guest lecturer and design critic at several colleges of architecture, including Cornell University, UCLA, MIT and RISD, where he has been honored by his alma mater as one of RISD's "most distinguished graduates." Mendell is the parent of a grown son and lives in Weston, MA with his wife Raquel Halty, a former professor and chair of Modern Languages and Literature at Simmons College.





Kathryn  
Bryne



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Gillian  
Stanley



Erin  
Tracy



Christopher  
Troyanos



# New and Notable on Campus

**Kathryn "Katie" Bryne** is Lasell's new director of Human Resources. Prior to joining the Lasell staff, she was director of Human Resources at Amherst College for 11 years and has additional experience in the field at Middlebury College, the Research Foundation of The City University of New York and XTRA Corporation. Bryne holds a BA degree, with a double major in History and Sociology, from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA from Simmons College Graduate School of Management...**Krystin Burke** joined Lasell's Institutional Advancement team as data coordinator after working from 2004-2010 in the Boston College Advancement Office as records assistant, staff and database assistant and, most recently, database analyst. Burke holds a BA degree in Corporate Systems from BC...**Carlton Jones** is Lasell's new coordinator for Student Organizations. Working in the Office of Student Activities, Jones oversees all student clubs and campus organizations and advises the Multicultural Student Union, Crew Club and Dance Team. He also teaches a course in *Exploring Leadership*. Jones holds an MS degree in Counseling, with a concentration in Student Development in Higher Education, from Central Connecticut State University and a BA in Sociology from the University of Connecticut...

**Mark LaFrance** has joined Lasell's Institutional Advancement team as director of Development. He holds a BS in Hotel Administration from the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire and has 18 years of alumni relations and development experience, including positions at Boston University, Lesley University and Wheaton College...

**Gillian Stanley** is Lasell's new assistant director of Graduate Student Services. Prior to Lasell, Stanley was assistant director of Academic Advising at Lesley University. She holds a BA in Communications from Simmons College and an MA in Intercultural Relations from Lesley University...

**Erin Tracy** has joined Plant Operations as an administrative assistant. She holds a BS in Management and Economics from Emmanuel College, and her recent professional experience includes managing An Elegant Affair, a Winchester, MA gift shop...

**Christopher Troyanos** is the new head athletic trainer on campus. A graduate of Northeastern University with a BS in Athletic Training, Troyanos was director of Sports Medicine at Babson College for 25 years and, most recently, worked in corporate philanthropy at Children's Hospital Boston.



# The Donahue Center Rises Up

## EXPANDING THE ARTS

The Donahue Center for Creative and Applied Arts, slated for formal dedication in late April, will house state-of-the-art classrooms and faculty offices, expanded studio space for the Fashion department and become the permanent home of the Lasell Fashion Collection. The new arts center—named for Lasell alumna Nancy Lawson Donahue '49, trustee emerita, who, along with her husband, Richard, gave the lead gift for the creation of the building—is scheduled to open in fall 2011.



**In Fashion:** With support from Assistant Professor of Fashion Anne Vallely, three Lasell students and one alum displayed their innovative nontextile designs to warm up Peabody Office Furniture's showroom windows near Boston's South Station over the winter.

James Collins photos





# Richard Dodds

## Strategic Researcher Extraordinaire



Richard Dodds' one-time analytical stint in the world of real estate syndication "made large numbers not so scary." This is a good thing from Lasell's point of view, as his statistical savvy enabled him to

shift career gears...and wind up in an office at Potter Hall.

The College's personable and popular director of Institutional Research landed at Lasell in 2001 as an interim database contractor, went on to become director of the RoseMary B. Fuss Technology for Learning Center and assistant professor of Information Science (2002-2008) before moving on to

his current position in 2008. Not the most predictable path for a Williams College English major with a master's in education from Harvard and coursework toward a master's in library science from Simmons.

**"I love working at a small college that emphasizes the philosophy of connected learning," Dodds says. "When I was on the faculty here, the most rewarding teaching moments were ones where assignments were connected to real-world people and problems."**

A typical day on campus for Dodds means a lot of time in front of a computer. "I pull data out of many Lasell systems (Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar, Human Resources, Residential Life), cleanse it and reassemble it into information for use by senior management for strategic

decision-making," he tells *Leaves*, adding, "I also report out to the federal government and to big survey companies like *U.S. News & World Report*, *Peterson's Guide to Colleges* and *U-Can*."

It's not all about numbers for Lasell's premier data specialist, though. The Needham resident and father of two is a musician (piano, trombone and vocals), a mentor ("being a Cub Scout leader is a true lesson in kinetic energy") and longtime collector of candy wrappers (the contents of which are enthusiastically shared with his campus colleagues).

The best antidote to such a heavy dose of screen time (and chocolates)? "I make sure to eat lunch at Valentine, so that I can keep in practice with speaking to humans!"

## Lasell Cooks! Who Knew?

Fanny Farmer's famed 1896 *Boston Cooking-School Cook Book* is considered a cornerstone of American cuisine. But who, exactly, taught Fannie Farmer to cook?

That would be Mary Bailey Lincoln, an instructor from 1886-1889 at what was then known as The Lasell Seminary for Young Women, whose *Mrs. Lincoln's Boston Cook Book* was published in 1883—13 years before the *Farmer* opus hit the presses.

Last fall, Associate Professor of Art and Graphic Design Margo Lemieux and her Arts 201A Drawing II class found connected learning inspiration in this historical nugget.

The result? *Lasell Cooks! Homage to the Culinary Tradition at Lasell*, a handsome, spiral-bound compendium of the history of Lasell's early 20th-century Domestic Science curriculum, interspersed with recipes from current faculty and staff. "The students did a nice job of connecting many different disciplines—drawing, painting, research, interviewing, writing and public relations," Lemieux says, "and we were able to present the proceeds from the sale of the book to the Newton Food Pantry."

**For information about *Lasell Cooks!*, contact [mlemieux@lasell.edu](mailto:mlemieux@lasell.edu).**





Nara Paz '09

# 3-2-1 Countdown...

Nara Paz '09 isn't a merely shining star, she's a rocket about to explode.

As a mature student at Lasell studying Fashion Design, Paz dominated the senior runway with a collection called *Pieces of Me*...and she hasn't looked back.

Paz, 38, who comes from humble beginnings in the rural village Quarai in Southern Brazil, entered Lasell with the purpose of gathering US

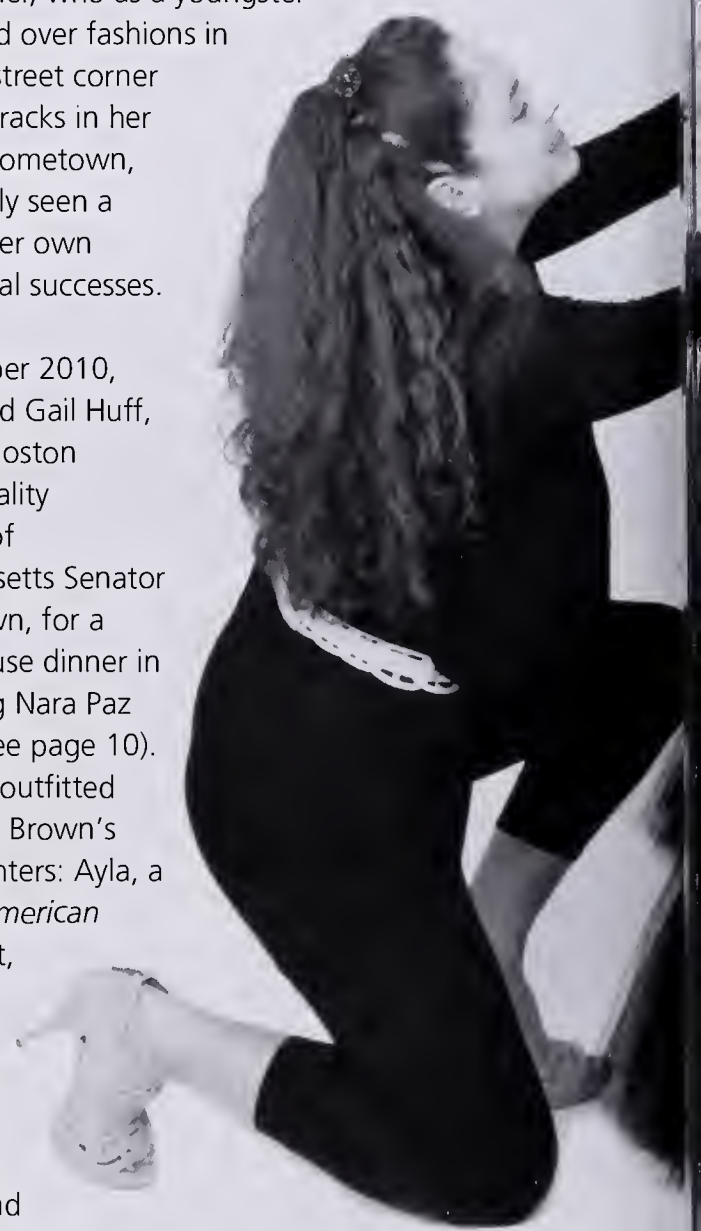
qualifications to meet a specific goal: To become a high-end fashion designer.

"I especially loved the fashion shows [at Lasell.] These were venues where I felt I could show what I came to Lasell for, and that's what I wanted to be good at," says Paz.

Paz is definitely succeeding.

The designer, who as a youngster once pored over fashions in *Vogue* at street corner magazine racks in her Brazilian hometown, has recently seen a string of her own professional successes.

In December 2010, Paz dressed Gail Huff, a former Boston TV personality and wife of Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown, for a White House dinner in a glittering Nara Paz original (see page 10). Then, she outfitted Huff's and Brown's two daughters: Ayla, a top-five *American Idol* finalist, for an event at Carnegie Hall; and Arianna, a student and model, for a high-profile social appearance with her parents.





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Beyond this, Paz was nominated for a Fashion Group International “2010 Rising Star Award” in New York and recently opened ATELIER, a special personal and private service for select fashion clients.

Oh, and, by the way, she also launched her *For the Real You* Spring 2011 Collection and is currently working with manufacturers in New York. So far three boutiques have signed on to carry her new line including Anik on Madison Avenue, which is opening a couture section, Gabrielle in Philadelphia and the new Matsu on Boston’s Newbury Street.

“Right now, my focus is selling, marketing, getting my clothing to customers and my name established,” she tells *Leaves*.

“The aim is to become known locally, nationally and, eventually, internationally for designing distinctively different, exquisite, signature-tailored ready-to-wear dresses, suits, pants and blouses, and ultra-refined gowns and eveningwear for the discerning woman.”

Along the way Paz has remained close to her Lasell professors, even collaborating with them on several local fashion events—raising her profile and that of the College.

“They have all been wonderfully supportive of me,” she says.

So, what is the big message for up-and-comers currently studying in Lasell’s famed Fashion Department?

“For me, it’s not losing faith in what I believe I can do and believing I am good at it and people will like my designs. There is just so much to get done, so you cannot lose faith.”



**On the Catwalk:** Nara Paz '09 (in hat left and kneeling above) with some of her creations.





**Haegan Forrest**

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### Why Participate?

"Encouraging alumni and friends to participate in our fundraising efforts is a major focus of my role as director of annual giving and constituent relations," says Haegan Forrest. "Each year Lasell receives gifts of all sizes—and we are deeply grateful for every single one. Every gift to The Lasell Fund, no matter the amount, increases our ability to meet the needs of every student," Forrest says. "Over time, as these gifts add up, they have a profound impact on the lives and education of all of Lasell's students. Please consider participating this year with a gift to The Lasell Fund."

Below, a look at where the Fund stands to date.

#### 2011 Lasell Fund Goal: \$775,000

- Gifts and pledges as of March 31: \$675,534 (87%)
- Average gift from alumni in 2011: \$155
- Number of alumni gifts: 1,156
- Number of gifts from parents and friends: 396
- New gifts and pledges needed: \$99,467
- Alumni participation goal: 16%
- Number of alumni gifts needed to reach 16%: 994



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### Calling All Alums

Lauren McCauslin of the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving has been appointed to fill C. Chad Argotsinger's role leading Alumni Relations. Argotsinger is moving on from Lasell to pursue a new opportunity in higher education.

McCauslin joined Lasell's Institutional Advancement team in 2010 as assistant director of Annual Giving, having previously worked in the Annual Giving office at Simmons College, where she managed the phone program. A native of Albany, NY with a paralegal and nonprofit background, McCauslin holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Rochester. In announcing McCauslin's new role, Haegan Forrest tells *Leaves*, "Lauren hit the ground running as soon as she came on board. She's brought a great deal of energy, enthusiasm and renewed vitality to the initiatives she has worked on. We look forward to Lauren's leadership and involvement in Reunion 2011."

Planning for Reunion 2011 "is well underway," Forrest adds, "and we expect it to be the best reunion weekend ever!" For updated, detailed information, visit the Reunion 2011 Web pages at:

**[www.lasell.edu/reunion](http://www.lasell.edu/reunion)**

As you can see in these pages, there are many ways to structure a gift to Lasell that matches your passion with your philanthropy. Contact us to see if one might meet your charitable and financial objectives.



Sean Mari '06 MSM

## Lasell Graduate Degree 'An Asset Moving Forward'

As of this spring, Lasell's expanding graduate degree enrollment will top 170 students. The College offers both 100% online and hybrid (online and on-campus) master's programs in Management, Sport Management, Communication, Elementary Education and Moderate Disabilities, with the Master of Science in Management (MSM) the largest group. And new concentrations are being considered in Health Care Management, Entrepreneurship, Business Administration, Health Communication, Intercultural Communication, Fashion and Strength/Conditioning.



Sean Mari '06: Next stop, Hong Kong.

If the trajectory of Master of Science in Management alum **Sean Mari '06**, is any indication, the roster of the College's graduate alums will be peopled by successful professionals. After earning a BA in Economics from the University of Rhode Island in 2004 and a Certificate in Financial Services from the University of California Berkeley Extension in 2005, Mari chose to enroll in Lasell's MSM program with an eye toward a career in finance and accounting.

"The hybrid classes allowed a better balance for me between work and

school," the Rochester, NY native says. "And the small class size allowed easy access to professors, another plus."

Mari currently is in his second of four rotations for the Florida-based Harris Corporation's Finance Management Rotation Program. He's already completed stints in Washington, DC and Florida; next stops are Hong Kong and Denver. And Mari credits his Lasell graduate program experience with "preparing me well for my current profession and as an asset moving forward."

"My classmates at Lasell were very diverse—from recent grads and young professionals to individuals with a

decade or more of work experience," he tells *Leaves*. "Such a rich group of students allows for many different perspectives to be heard, which is stimulating."

Commenting on Mari's success, Adrienne Franciosi, director of Graduate Admission, says, "Sean is one of a growing number of Lasell graduate alums who've moved forward in their professions with a solid foundation. The expansion and diversification of offerings at the graduate level is central to the growth of the College."

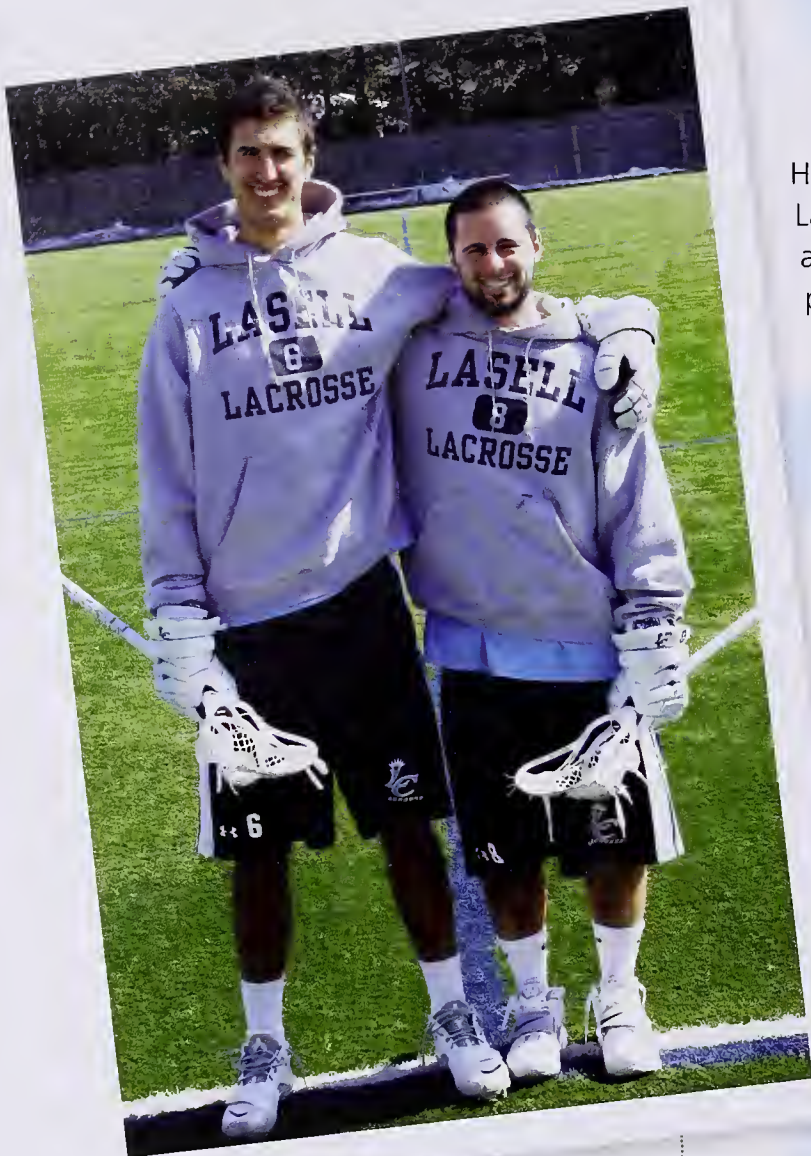
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## DI to DIII

# High-School Friends Reunite On Lasell's Lacrosse Field



**LAX Life:** Dan Clark '13 (L) and Brendan Ham '13 on Grellier Field for practice.

Sometimes it takes a while to find your footing at college and determine if you've landed in the right place.

It took Brendan Ham '13 and Dan Clark '13 exactly one year at different Division I schools to realize that what they wanted was located in Auburndale, Massachusetts. It also didn't hurt that they were high-school friends and lacrosse teammates from Scarborough, Maine.

Ham, 20, and Clark, 19, arrived on Lasell's campus in September 2010 after a spring and a summer of phone calls and face-to-face talks about where they would relocate. Clark had already accepted, while Ham was still weighing his options into mid-summer.

"I knew I didn't want to be where I was," says Ham. "I heard Dan was coming here, and it looked good. [Plus], lacrosse is more fun."

Ham transferred from the University of Maine/Orono, where he opted to play football rather than lacrosse. A season-ending broken arm caused him to take stock of his school choice and sports focus.

Clark, a former high-school All-American, was recruited to play lacrosse at Sienna College in New York, where he decided to red-shirt as a freshman—giving him one more year of eligibility, but preventing him from playing in any games.

"I was unlikely to get a lot of playing time anyway," he says in a recent interview with *Leaves*.

Fast forward to spring 2011 at Lasell where the now-roommates practice together, lift weights side by side and have easily fit into the lacrosse team's Division III groove.

"Everyone is nice and pretty welcoming," says Ham. "No one is trying to make you an outcast," adds Clark.

Lasell Men's Lacrosse Coach Tim Dunton and the rest of the men's lacrosse team could not be happier with the duo.

**Having come from a Division I environment, they know what it takes to bring their game to the next level. Our team works very hard as well, so their work ethic fits right in," says Coach Dunton. "Dan and Brendan have been welcome additions, not only on the field, but off the field. They are great young men.**

The roommates and teammates should have several chances this spring to test their skills on the field in their new environment—and help Lasell realize a winning season.

Coach Dunton, for one, is excited to see what they can do.

"I can see their camaraderie on the field; you can tell that they are close friends," he adds. "They fit in great with our program, and we are happy to have both of them."





## Kayla Vincelette '14

# *Fancy Footwork On and Off Court*

Freshman Women's Basketball recruit Kayla Vincelette has scored some impressive points in the paint this season, averaging 13 per game. As of *Leaves'* mid-March deadline, the 5' 8" guard was leading the Lasers in average points scored per game, points made this season, field goal percentage, three-point shots and free throws. In addition, she'd been deemed Rookie of the Week by the Greater Northeast Atlantic Conference (GNAC) several times.

**Shooting Star:** Kayla Vincelette '14.

Quite a stat sheet for the Westport, MA native, who began shooting hoops at age seven.

Part of the starting six on the varsity court at Westport High from day one, Vincelette helped lead her high-school team to the state tournament all four years and garnered a pile of awards along the way. Off-season, the current Lasell Sport Management major played varsity soccer and softball throughout high school. And when she wasn't working up a sweat on one playing field or another, Vincelette was refining her moves on the dance floor, where she competes in tap, jazz, contemporary and hip-hop styles.

Lasell wasn't the only college to pursue the shooting star. In the final analysis, she tells *Leaves*, she opted for Auburndale "because of Lasell's great

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location and the opportunities it makes available.” As for life after Lasell? “My dream job is to work for the Boston Celtics in an administrative capacity or to coach college women's basketball,”

she says. And she may be well on her way; last summer, Vincelette worked at the Celtics' practice facility in Waltham, MA coaching at the Youth Basketball Camp; this summer, she's hoping to land an internship with the team.

“Kayla has the athletic ability to take over basketball games,” Coach Carla Flaherty tells *Leaves*, “and I am very excited about her potential over the course of her collegiate career.”

In other words: Move over, Lisa Leslie!

### STATS • SCORES • SCHEDULES

For the latest Lasell team stats, scores and schedules, go to:

**[laserpride.lasell.edu](http://laserpride.lasell.edu)**



# Sustainability at LASELL

A lot has happened to make Lasell greener in the last year. *Leaves* asked **Marc Fournier**, assistant director of Plant Operations and Sustainability, for a guided stroll across campus to showcase our progress. Watch your step!

**Holbrook, MA** – Lasell Leftovers donated 1,400 lbs of clothing to Big Brother/Big Sister.

**Hoag House** – The shell was completely insulated, heating system replaced.

**Newton** – Lasell donated mattresses to The Second Step which provides transitional housing and support to domestic violence survivors.

**Haiti** – Lasell Leftovers donated 700 pounds of food to post-earthquake Haiti.

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Maple St.

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Seminary Ave.

Grove St.

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Lasell Boat House

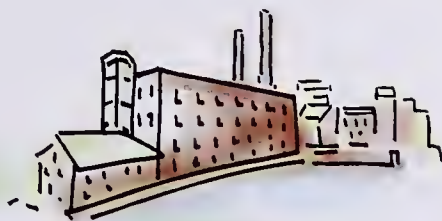
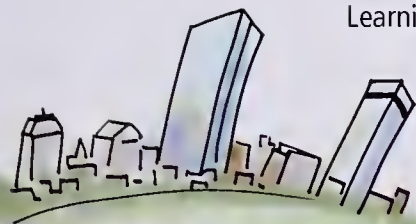
**The Donahue Center for Creative and Applied Arts** – Instead of demolishing the existing barn, it was deconstructed and 45 tons of materials were recycled or reused. A significant quantity of the recovered materials were transported to the ReStore Home Improvement in Springfield, MA. The center was constructed under green building criteria.



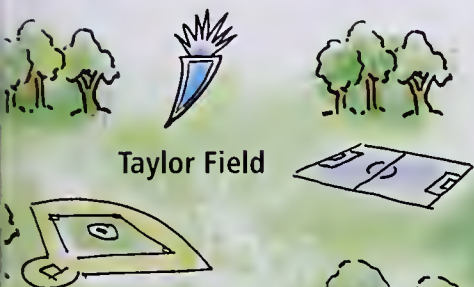
**Lasell College** (campus-wide) GreenLights Project – EcoReps provide lighting surveys, distributed energy efficient light bulbs and educate students, faculty and staff on energy efficiency, energy consumption reduction and other sustainability initiatives.



**Boston** – Lasell Leftovers donated 250 pounds of art and office supplies to Extras for Creative Learning for use by teachers in need.



**Lawrence/Lowell area** – The College donated six tractor-trailer loads of used furniture and items to The Wish Project, Lowell, MA, for distribution to people in need.



Taylor Field



Winslow Academic Center



Blodgett Green

**Valentine Dining Hall** – Used cooking oil sent to Mass Biofuel for donation as oil to help heat the Pine Street Inn, Boston. As of February 2011, 1,089 gallons had been recycled.



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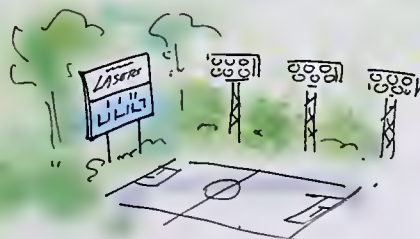


**Hamel House** – In preparation for renovations, nine mature trees were transplanted. Six were relocated onsite and three were relocated to the north and east sides of Forest Suites on Forest Ave.

Studio Rd.



**Lasell College** (campus-wide) – The College once again competed in RecycleMania, a national recycling competition for over 600 colleges and universities that runs from February through late March. The goal is to increase our recycling rate to over 40%.



Grellier Field





Here's to Paul

# 'It's About Time'

Jazz musician

Gentleman

Bon vivant

Passionate progressive

Signature style back in the day...



# "I feel like I'm passing the torch."

- Joe Williams on Paul Broadnax

**Jazz musician, gentleman, bon vivant, passionate progressive.**

Lasell Village resident **Paul Broadnax** is all of the above—and much more. The retired mechanical engineer moved to Seminary Avenue last summer with his longtime partner, Caroline Schwarz-Schastny, a McLean Hospital clinical educator. Together, the couple is savoring the diverse mix of residents and intellectual spirit of the independent living community they now call home.

"What really grabbed us about the Village," Broadnax tells *Leaves*, "is the educational component. It's important to keep the mind moving." He especially enjoys the Village course offerings that focus on politics, history and current affairs. "I'm a passionate progressive," Broadnax says, smiling his signature smile, "and I feel I'm in my comfort zone here."

The Roxbury native's vibrant biography includes a childhood spent appreciating and performing music (he is the son of two influential Boston classical musicians), a stint in the Air Force, college at Northeastern University, family years raising two sons and a long career at Raytheon.

Back in the day when his South End chums included musicians Roy Haynes, Ray Perry and Alan Dawson, Broadnax tells *Leaves*, Boston "resonated with the sound of jazz, and the

nightclub scene was electrifying." Even then, Broadnax was known for his "King Thing" (Nat Cole's singing and playing) and the powerful influence of vocalist Joe Williams (whom he tributed with a 1996 album, *Here's to Joe*). Broadnax's baritone treatment of standards has been celebrated for its mastery, passion, musicality and warmth. His first solo album (*It's About Time*) was followed by a roster of additional titles. He has appeared at clubs, festivals and concerts in and around New England, was named the Boston Musicians' Association "Best Musician of 2003" and continues to perform regularly at area venues (for a current schedule go to [paulbroadnax.com](http://paulbroadnax.com)).

As Broadnax has downsized and streamlined his life (he's gone from driving a Porsche to a Prius, from playing a grand piano at home to an upright), the octogenarian's priorities remain firmly in place: To keep mind and body moving and to bring music into as many lives as possible. He is committed to a strict exercise regimen, private voice lessons and a full calendar of live gigs.

His biggest challenges as a jazz musician today? "The same as for any other art form," Broadnax sighs. "It takes a lot of discipline and understanding to get it right."

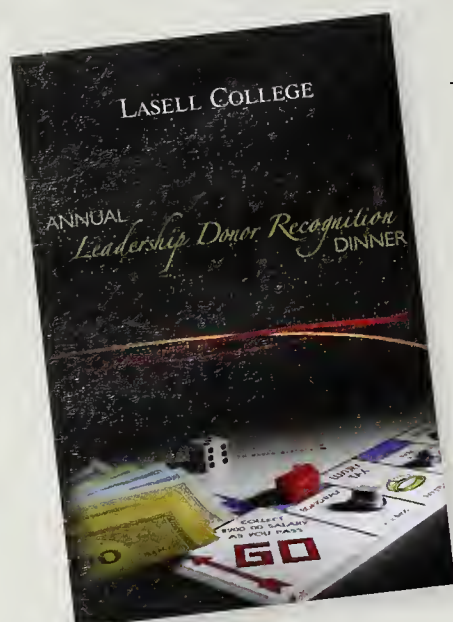


...signature smile every day.





## Boardwalk? Park Place? Atlantic Avenue!



The Federal Reserve Bank building on Boston's waterfront provided a dazzling setting for Lasell's annual Leadership Donor Recognition Dinner in October. The view from the top floor at sunset made for a picture-perfect cocktail hour, while the spirited dinner program featured a connected learning experience for those gathered: "Learning Accounting Using *Monopoly*." In his celebrated adaptation of the world's most-played commercial board game, Associate Professor of Accounting Richard Frederics—Lasell's own "Mr. Monopoly"—and his students instructed guests on new ways to roll the dice without passing "Go." Here, some attendees at the upbeat event.



Mary Barbara Alexander  
and President Michael B. Alexander.



President Emeritus Thomas E.J. de Witt with Overseer  
Joan Patenaude '57 and Dean Patenaude.



Overseer Urit Chaimovitz '98  
and Jon Bloch.



Trustees Vice Chair RoseMary Fuss  
and Dan Fuss.



David and Jennifer Sementelli '80.



Assistant Professor of Mathematics Neil Hatem,  
Danielle Hatem, Wanda Whitmore, Trustees Chair  
Eric Turner and Overseer Ann Mignosa '87.

## de Witt Named Co-Chair of College's Heritage Society

President Emeritus **Thomas E.J. de Witt** has joined Lasell Trustee Emerita **Lynn Blodgett Williamson '46** as honorary co-chair of the College's Heritage Society, a giving group designed to thank Lasell's planned giving donors who support the College through gifts by will, charitable annuities and other means.

"I was delighted when President Michael Alexander asked me to serve as honorary co-chair," De Witt says. "I look forward to working with Michael, the College's staff and Lynn to build the membership of this special organization."

To learn more about championing the next generation of Lasell students through the Heritage Society, contact Senior Advancement Officer Katharine Urner-Jones '83 at [kurnerjones@lasell.edu](mailto:kurnerjones@lasell.edu) or 617-243-2223.





SPRING 2011

LASELL COLLEGE

# Class Notes

## Shining Brightly

Kayleigh Robertson '10 beams at the annual Torchlight Parade, a venerable Lasell tradition.



Michelle Gaseau photo



## EDITOR'S NOTE

In the interest of protecting the privacy of our alumni, it is the policy of the Office of Alumni Relations not to divulge contact information. Please use the online community, [www.lasellalumni.org](http://www.lasellalumni.org), to search for your classmates. The content of *Class Notes* is based on material submitted to the Office of Alumni Relations. We are unable to verify the factual content of each entry. Submissions printed in this issue were received by February 24, 2011.

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e-mail us at [alumni@lasell.edu](mailto:alumni@lasell.edu).

**35** At 95 years of age, **Harriet Colwell Reeves** is sharp, witty and enjoys hearing about Lasell.

**38** **Class Secretary**  
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**Connie Hatch Herron**, who lives in Maine, feels fortunate that both of her children live nearby and that she has two grandsons.

"Keep well and come back for our 75th reunion in two years," prompts **Faye Wadhams Smith**. Faye, who lives in Connecticut, enjoys bowling and volunteer work. She is looking forward to attending a wedding in Indianapolis in June.

Class Secretary **Arlene Wishart Sylvester** is excited about two special events in her life. "I will be attending my 75th high-school reunion in June in Barre, VT, and I just welcomed my 22nd great-grandchild. Maybe someday one will attend Lasell!" Arlene says, "I would love to hear from anybody, anytime. Please call or write."



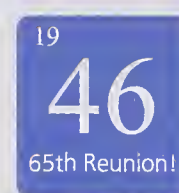
For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations or visit [www.lasell.edu/reunion](http://www.lasell.edu/reunion)

**43** Our sincere condolences to **Chris Turnbull Buehler** on the death of her husband in May 2010.

**45** **Class Secretary**  
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Our sincere condolences to **Eugenia Cooney Glow** on the death of her sister, **Martha Cooney Stuhr '40**, in February 2010.

**Terry Bergeron Hoyt** reports: "I had a wonderful time at the Catholic Charities Ball at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Sarasota. I even had my picture taken with the bishop."



For more information, contact your reunion coordinators Anne "Blakey" Blake Perkins, Lynn Blodgett

Williamson, Joan Hanson Blake or visit the website: [www.lasell.edu/reunion](http://www.lasell.edu/reunion)

**49** Our sincere condolences to **Jane Wadhams Hazen** on the death of her husband, Charles, in December 2010.

**B. J. Stephenson Riedel** proudly appears on the front page of her sorority's (Delta Zeta) website supporting the group's efforts to go green. Check out *The Lamp of Delta Zeta*, Issue 2, 2010 ([lamp.deltazeta.org](http://lamp.deltazeta.org)) to see B.J. up front and personal.

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**Margot Bergstrom Semonian** is retired and living in South Yarmouth on the Cape. She is a volunteer driver, transporting seniors to various appointments. Margot has five grandsons, ages 14-24 years.



**Salem Setting:** Marjorie Westgate Doran '37 celebrated her 95th birthday with family and friends at a festive dinner party held in her honor at the House of Seven Gables in Salem, MA.



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# THE 'CLASS' OF 1946

**Live, Laugh, Love:** In October 2010, 12 classmates from the Class of 1946 (plus three husbands) met at the Stage Neck Inn in Maine for "lively chatter, delicious food and much laughter! Even after all this time, we still manage to get together about four times a year," Nan Somerville Blowney tells *Leaves*. "With our 65th reunion coming the weekend of June 3-5, 2011, we hope everyone will get in touch with other classmates and join in the fun."



Helen Richter Hanson and Nan Somerville Blowney.



Lynn Blodgett Williamson and Dore Crathern French.



Lee Pool Langley.



Judy Greenough Udaloj.



Ginny Terhune Hersom and Joan Hanson Blake.



Anne "Blakey" Blake Perkins and Pat Corning Jennings.



Muriel "Moo" Ross Benshimol and Phyllis Paige Downes.



## Interested?

If you are interested in sponsoring or helping to organize an alumni event in the future, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations, 1844 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02466-2716, call 617-243-2467 or go online to [alumni@lasell.edu](mailto:alumni@lasell.edu).

Living in a mobile home park in Athol, MA, **Cynthia Butler Barnes** is a member of the Red Hat Society, "a global society of women that supports and encourages women in the pursuit of fun, friendship, freedom, fulfillment and fitness."

**Barbara Chipman Will** plays bridge and is busy with church and friends.

**Mary Louise Dunham Weyand** is dealing with a broken shoulder. However, when she is feeling well, you will find her volunteering at the local hospital thrift shop and playing mah jong.

**Pat Graham Gordon** lives in a retirement condo in Falmouth, MA, where she serves on the condo board and plays bridge and Scrabble. Pat enjoys her family of four children, 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Living in New York City, **Barbara Miller Margolis** is retired. She spends

summers in the Berkshires. Barbara keeps in touch with **Mary Jane Corrallo Noel, Joan Dorau Hohorst** and **Tillie Shaw Skinner**.

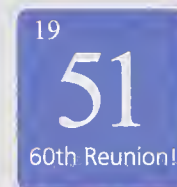
Class Secretary **Marni Nahigian Sarkisian** says she is never bored. She volunteers with the Gideon International Ministry, which is dedicated to Bible distribution, plays bridge, visits her son in Waltham and dines out five nights a week.

Living in a retirement community in Hanover, PA, **Chris Oliveto Davis** enjoys water aerobics and book club.

**Doris Pinkham Collins** says, "I volunteer at an art museum, have two grandchildren and enjoy life."

**Joan Robilotto Gibson's** children threw her an 80th-birthday party. She travels to Tokyo to visit her daughter and son-in-law.

**Ruth Rosebrock Tobias** lives in a retirement community in Silver Spring, MD. She enjoys singing in the chapel choir. Ruth's grandson graduated from the United States Naval Academy, and Ruth is looking forward to his wedding.



For more information, contact your reunion coordinator M. Elaine Qavillon Tull or visit [www.lasell.edu/reunion](http://www.lasell.edu/reunion)

"My biggest news is a great-granddaughter due in June," announces **Kathleen Ballard Heck**. "But I can't be that old!" Kathleen enjoys classical music concerts. "We get to Tanglewood for a long weekend in the summer, enjoy concerts at Carnegie Hall and go to hear The Philadelphia Orchestra." On another note, Kathleen is looking forward to the Lasell reunion this June.

Our sincere condolences to **Janet Underwood Wall** on the death of her husband in October 2010.

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**Louise Crank Graham** has been living in Wayne, PA for the past 30 years. She has four children.

Class Secretary **Shirley Gibbons San Soucie** enjoys living in the historical family home on Martha's Vineyard in the summer. She spends time antiques and visiting flea markets. Shirley has three children, four grandchildren and three greats.

**Cynthia Lincoln McElhinney** lives in Lakeland, FL.



**Roommates Reunited:** In September, Diana Hendley Cooper '55 and Joan Murano Swanson '55, former Lasell roommates and friends for the past 55 years, met in Lenox, MA to celebrate their birthdays. Along with their husbands, they enjoyed a stay at a B&B, visits to area attractions and reminiscing about their College years. (L to R) Gordon Cooper, Diana Hendley Cooper, Joan Murano Swanson, Ken Swanson.



From Texas to Idaho to North Carolina, **Judy Robinson Andrews** has finally settled down. She is living near her daughter and granddaughter in Youngsville, NC.

**Mary Wiedenmayer McCarthy** is widowed and living in New Jersey. She volunteers at the local food bank and has four children. Her son, Kevin, is in the military in Afghanistan.

**55** Writing for Lasell College publications is one of the reasons **Judy Bowen Horky** gives for reaching toward her future goals. Judy's new book, *Soul Shift—2012 and Beyond* has just been published. It is described as fantasy/visionary fiction and an adventure story. Check out [www.JudithHorky.com](http://www.JudithHorky.com)

An update from **Valerie Montanez Barto**: "I am living in West Palm Beach, FL and loving it. I now have 11 wonderful grandchildren. I miss my Lasell buddies, so please give me a call at 561-865-1065.

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**56**  
55th Reunion!

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**61**  
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The Office of Alumni Relations wishes **Wendy Wolfenden** a speedy recovery.

## 'Nothing but Leaves'

*Classmates, school mates, all—as the school year rolls on—paper after paper succeeds each other, shall we at least lay down for golden sheaves, nothing but leaves.*

This quote from 1875 is believed to have inspired the titling of Lasell's first student publication, *The Leaf*. Exactly when and how *The Leaf* morphed into *Leaves* is unclear. What is clear is that in 1946, *Leaves* became an alumni publication, which it remains today. The rest, as they say, is history.

**62** Our sincere condolences to **Karen Smith Grover** on the death of her mother, **Janet Whitten Smith '39**, in July 2010.

**63** Our sincere condolences to **Claire Lipton Zimmers** on the death of her husband, Mel, in December 2010.

**Bette Unger Kiernan** represented Lasell College recently at the presidential inauguration at Saybrook University in San Francisco which she describes as "a remarkable event with excellent speakers and a lovely luncheon."

**64** The Alumni Office thanks **Jinny Schmidt Pantan** for representing Lasell College at the presidential inauguration at Webster University in St. Louis, MO.

In 2009, **Nancy Zigo Bush** retired after a 35-year sales career in the contract furniture industry. She has one son who teaches high-school biology. "I came back to visit Lasell in 2000. What changes! In the area of romance," Nancy adds, "I have been in a wonderful, loving relationship for more than 15 years."

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"Retirement is not in my vocabulary," states **Cindy Dowd Wallace**. Cindy is a program coordinator of Easter Seals New Hampshire. She consults and trains childcare providers. "However," Cindy admits, "The best part of life is being a grandmother to William who is a toddler and a delight." Cindy's mom, **Edythe MacDonald Dowd '40**, lives close by and is doing well.

From Westport, MA, **Heather Heath Reed** sends an update: "I work part-time in an assisted-living facility. However, my primary focus is as chair for the Westport Council on Aging. We recently opened a food pantry that services over 50 people." In her spare time Heather teaches an osteoporosis prevention exercise class and volunteers at the local library. She is happy that all three of her children live on the east coast.



# Laptops Rule



With Lasell College now comfortably co-ed, *Leaves* thought it might be interesting to poll female and male undergrads about their Top 10 “musts” for dormitory living. Our unscientific survey proved revealing.

The results:

## Women

1. Laptop
2. Fridge/microwave
3. Ramen noodles
4. Blackberry or iPhone/cell phone
5. iPod
6. Makeup
7. Clothing
8. Brita water filters
9. Photos, scrapbooks, trophies, celebrity posters
10. TV

## Men

1. Laptop
2. Fridge
3. Ramen noodles or chips
4. Stereo/sound system
5. Sports/celebrity posters
6. Furniture (including favorite tattered old chair)
7. iPod
8. TV
9. Leatherman multi-tool
10. Cell phone

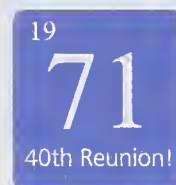
**Edie Hogsett Whitney** is retired and loving it. She takes classes at the Danforth Museum of Art in Framingham and belongs to a knitting group of 12 women whose purpose is to knit pieces for charity. Recently they donated 500 items. Edie and her husband took a Caribbean cruise in January and are planning a vacation to the national parks in Utah to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

From Minnesota, **Laurie Kanters Micheau** sends an update: “I am hoping to retire this fall. My life is full of activities. My biggest joy is my seven grandchildren. My husband, Randy, and I will be celebrating our 20th anniversary this year. While he was diagnosed with lung cancer 15 months ago, he is doing well.” Laurie continues, “It is hard to believe we are entering the golden years. Where does the time go? I send my best to all my Lasell friends and hope we will see each other at the next reunion—45 years in 2013!

In October, after 45 years, **Cindy Rardin Crawford** retired as circulation supervisor from the Needham (MA) Public Library. Cindy and her husband quickly sold their home and moved to

St. Thomas, PA to be closer to one of her sons. Cindy just became a grandmother and is planning a trip to see her grandson in Boca Raton. Her oldest son just announced that in September she will be a grandmother again. Cindy’s mother, **Ruth Fulton Rardin ‘40**, who lives in Orlando, FL, is thrilled with her new great-grandchild and “looking forward to the next one on the way.”

**Jodi Shattuck Wilson** is retired and enjoying life in central New Hampshire. She is the grandmother of two. Jodi would love to hear from other classmates.



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**June Wedding:** Hillary Roth '72 married Bruce Goemaat in June 2010 at the Basking Ridge Country Club in New Jersey. “It was a great day,” Hillary says.



**Twenty-five Years Later:**

Mimi DePonte Levine,  
Jill Blanchard Sommer  
and Eileen Clifford-Ezepik,  
classmates from 1985,  
reconnect at Reunion 2010.

The Alumni Office thanks **Gail Caruso** for representing Lasell College at the presidential inauguration at Husson University in Bangor, ME.

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35th Reunion!

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**Julia Davis Butters** has moved back from California and is living in Atkinson, NH. She would love to reconnect with New England classmates. [gaffersgal@msn.com](mailto:gaffersgal@msn.com).

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30th Reunion!

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25th Reunion!

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**Jennifer Leonard** says: "I am currently residing in West Milford, NJ with my five-year-old son. I am an artist and create as often as I can. Life gets better with age. I would love to hear from any classmates." [rudybird2766@yahoo.com](mailto:rudybird2766@yahoo.com); website [www.jenniferleigheleonard.com](http://www.jenniferleigheleonard.com).

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**91**  
20th Reunion!

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**92** An update from **Tori Mayo Supernaugh**: "I am a preschool teacher living in Burlington, CT for the past eight years. I am married and have two children, Colby, 14 and Katrina, nine.

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**96**  
15th Reunion!

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**98 Heather Bohn Harada** is back in New England after a two-year stint in Honolulu. Heather says she missed the seasons, and she and her family relocated back to Heather's home state of New Hampshire in July 2010. Daughter Lilly is now seven; and husband, Nori, is a chef. Heather continues, "I miss my alumni board chums. Please keep in touch! [fshndzn@yahoo.com](mailto:fshndzn@yahoo.com). Mahalo!"

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**Honored Guest:** Lawens Fevrier '02 (right) was a special guest at Gustavo Batista's '02 wedding to Marilu Carvalho in Brazil in November 2010. Gus says, "After so many years, our College friendship continues to grow."





**Making Waves in Florida:** Fashion Design and Production major Fallon Coster '11, Communication major Kimberly Hooper '11 and Hospitality and Event Management alum Andrew Mayer '10 "made waves" at February alumni events in Naples and Palm Beach, sharing updates about how they are moving forward in their respective fields of study.

**New York State of Mind:** Liz Huston '07, Victoria Zaleski '09 and Carol Bynoe '06 joined a casual reception for alums, parents and friends in the metro NY area, where those gathered got updates about Lasell today from President Michael B. Alexander and Fashion Department Chair Mary Ruppert-Stroescu.

**03** On a Monday in January 2011, **Anthony Scarsella** appeared on Boston's WBZ-TV to explain how his company (Gazelle.com) works. "There are a lot of folks out there with last year's iPod, phone or video game taking up space in a junk drawer or collecting dust. Gazelle is a website that will buy back used electronics for cash. All you have to do is answer a few quick questions."

After five years at Fidelity Investments, I made a career change and switched over to the nonprofit world," says **Ashley Seybold**. "I am now an associate director for Jumpstart for Children and oversee recruiting, talent development and the alumni program."

**05** **Chantel Daley '05, MSM '07** is an account support associate for Ernst & Young. She also works part-time for DSW Shoe Warehouse in Dedham, MA.

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**06** **Amanda Wasowski** writes, "I graduated from Case Western Reserve University's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences with a master's of Social Science Administration in May 2009. I am now a social worker on the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland."

**07** **Marisa Esposito** is a first-grade teacher at a private school in Waltham, MA. Marisa is pursuing a master's degree in the Language and Literacy program at Framingham State University.

**Cathee Hill** is studying for a master's degree in Global and International Education from Drexel University. She tells *Class Notes*, "I'm excited to continue my education and focus on international education within higher education."

**08** **Ivy Kemp Marinelli** is pursuing a master's in Health Care Administration at Regis College in Weston, MA.

In September, **Donna McIntyre** began a master's program to become a nurse practitioner at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions. She says, "I am thrilled to be a part of this prestigious and rigorous program! I have chosen the acute care track and look forward to working in either the hematology/oncology or trauma unit."

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Nominated to the Peace Corps, **Megan Conley** is anxiously awaiting word of her acceptance. If so, she will leave for Africa in June to teach English and HIV/AIDS awareness.

In February, **Rachel Craft** traveled four hours south of where she lives in Apopka, FL to attend a Lasell alumni event at Shula's Steak House in Naples, FL.



"I recently began a new journey at Lasell," writes **Michelle Krasodomski**. "I was hired as the administrative assistant for the Fashion and Communication Departments. I'm excited to be part of the Lasell community once again, in a new way."

An update from **Kayla McKenna**: "I'm working as a graphic designer/project manager at Flagraphics in Somerville. I am also an assistant coach for the Lasell women's cross country team. Yeah, life!"

"The New York Mets promoted me to the new position of supervisor of Citi Field Ballpark Tours in May 2010," writes **Ben Segal**. "The tours are a huge success and have sold out almost every day that they have been offered. While the position is part-time, if they get budget approval for a full-time position, I have been told that the job is mine."

**Katie Schumitz** is teaching at the Lasell College child study center, The Barn, while pursuing a master's in Sport Management at Lasell.



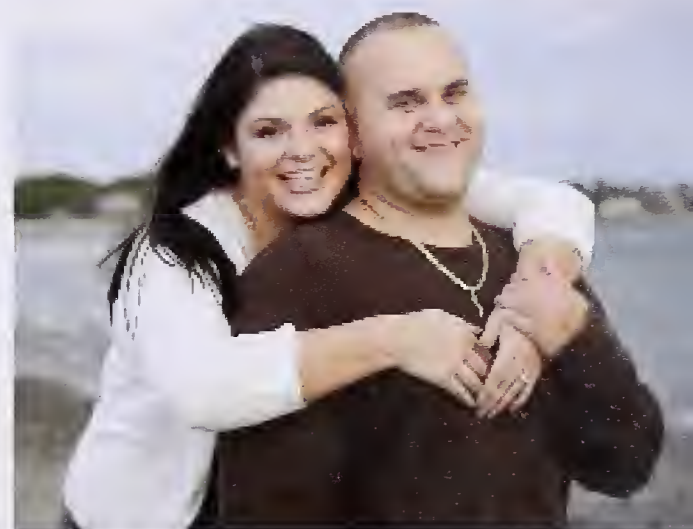
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**Kara Cooledge** started graduate school at Lasell College in January. She says, "I will be working toward my master's in Elder Care Administration. I look forward to being back in school and continuing my education." Kara works at Lasell Village, splitting her time between Lasell House and Resident Services.

"After graduating from Lasell I knew I wanted to further my education. I will finish my master's in Project Management at Lasell in spring 2011," writes **Danielle DiTommaso**.



**Shore Thing:** Danielle DiTommaso '10 and fiancé Anthony DiCesare set a wedding date of December 2011. Danielle will be completing her master's degree in Project Management at Lasell this spring.

**Kayleigh Robertson** recently joined Currier & Associates, Inc. as a marketing/communications specialist. Currier is an independent interior design firm in Newburyport, MA.

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Casey Rich '07

## I am...

- A researcher at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- An artisan and knitter
- An adventurous home cook
- A fan of live music
- A new donor to The Lasell Fund

Whatever milestone you've marked lately, your alma mater would like to know. E-mail us!

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## Engagements

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Lindsey Klier '04 to Craig Barrett  
Rachel Craft '09 to Mickey Howard  
Katelyn Hammond '09 to James Lincoln

## Marriages

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Hillary Roth '72 to Bruce Goemaat  
on June 19, 2010  
Gustavo Batista '02 to Marilu Carvalho  
on November 20, 2010  
David McInnis '03 to Jessica Schultz  
in November 2010  
Danielle Grethel '06 to Mitch Phillips '04,  
M5M'06 on August 28, 2010  
Sarah Armstrong '07 to Justin Woodside  
on June 19, 2010  
Heather Daigle '07 to Matthew Kopcza  
in October 2010

## Births

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Breeanna Barnes Beaupre '03 and  
Matthew Beaupre '03, a daughter,  
Ava Lillian, on August 31, 2010  
Melissa Pante Leger '03 and Chris Leger '03,  
a daughter, Giovanna, on December 16, 2010

## Deaths

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Alyce Quinn Hoffman '33  
Elizabeth Swift Coyle '33  
Ruth Vassar Bailey '33 on December 6, 2009  
Carol Morehouse Jones '34 on January 7, 2010  
Bettina Potter Jeffrey '34 on October 11, 2010  
Phyllis Gunn Rodgers '36 on February 2, 2011  
Gladys Packer Sugarman '36  
Hilda Theurer Guidrey '36  
on December 13, 2010

Uretta Shultz Stewart '38 on August 24, 2010  
Virginia Bowen Riordan '39 on August 15, 2007  
Martha Bryant Waldorf '39  
on September 20, 2010  
Doris Huntington Manning '39  
on January 3, 2011  
Janice Marr Demer '39  
Shirley Robins Lipkin '39  
Betty Wallace White '39 on January 13, 2011  
Janet Whitten Smith '39 on July 22, 2010  
Nancy Bailey Black '40 on September 23, 2010  
Martha Cooney Stuhr '40 on February 23, 2010  
Catherine Carter Ackerman '41  
Dorothy Welch Taylor '41  
Constance Engel Pedersen '42  
on November 11, 2010  
Nina Hobson Mellor '42 on January 19, 2011  
Barbara Bradley Gallagher '43  
on February 17, 2011  
Rosalie Paddison Wentworth '44  
in November 2009  
Sally Breckenridge Platner '46  
on June 17, 2010  
Lois Kimball '46  
Sarah Myers McCormick '46  
on December 17, 2010  
Claire Stolzenberg Manger '46  
Connie Wilbur Starr '46 on October 24, 2010  
Therese Deneen Boyce '47  
on November 27, 2010  
Mary Detwiler Eicker '48 in June 2009  
Jackie Pfeiffer Lueth '48 on November 1, 2010  
Emma Reed Dunham '48 on October 21, 2010  
Sally Priestman Costa '49 on February 3, 2011  
Jean Russell Everson '49 on March 20, 2010  
Eleanor Barton '50 on December 29, 2010  
Mary Ellen Edmonds Golden '50  
on February 4, 2011

Joan Hahn Fern '50 on August 23, 2010  
Dorothy Torner Monahan '50  
Joan LeFrank '51 on November 26, 2010  
Judith Macalister Gibson '51  
Mary Catherine Vogler Greene '51  
Joanne Monahan Garrity '51 in March 2011  
Shirley Boothby LeBarge '52  
on November 29, 2010  
Nancy Marcus Golden '52 on March 5, 2010  
Dyane Deckinger Rabin '53  
Marlene Haake Brainard '54  
on August 26, 2010  
M. Lorraine Riley Crahan '54  
on December 23, 2010  
Sara Rojas Casarella '54  
on September 10, 2010  
Roselyn Simons Daitch '54  
on October 3, 2010  
Elaine Gaysunas Coppinger '55  
on October 13, 2010  
Nancy Vieweger Ferguson '56  
on March 3, 2010  
Carol Juechter Dixon '57 on March 4, 2010  
Carol Palmgren Link '57 in April 2009  
Janet Buck Cole '58  
Maureen Sullivan Henderson '59  
on December 17, 2005  
Joyce DeAndrus Holzman '60  
on January 6, 2011  
Barbara Farnsworth Fairburn '60  
Jerilynn Tordoff Flagg '61 on February 21, 2011  
Eileen Sadolf '62  
Nancy Still '62  
Marion Bishop Kersh '64 on December 31, 2010  
Eleanor Fee Hebner '65  
Linda Dember '69 on December 19, 2009  
Daragh Casey Shannon '75 on October 15, 2010  
Nancy Starefos, former nursing faculty, on  
November 27, 2010



# It's a Family Affair

When **Tami Bettcher Walker '78** studied at Lasell College, it was a two-year women's school. She loved her experience then and was delighted when her daughter, **Caitlyn M. Walker '10**, decided it was the school for her as well.

Today, both mother and daughter are actively involved in supporting their alma mater.

An Overseer since 2008, Tami is co-chair of the Lasell Parent Committee. "I'm happy that Lasell has been able to grow and retain the qualities that made it so special when I was an undergraduate," the Middlebury, CT resident says. "I'm proud of the quality education that Lasell is providing for its students, and I'm also very enthusiastic about the direction the school is going in with Michael Alexander at the helm."

“Lasell's internship program provided me with the confidence and experience I needed.”

"As a leadership donor," Tami adds, "I feel I'm making a significant impact on the lives of today's Lasell students, ensuring that they have the same strong foundation that Lasell has provided for generations. And I recognize the responsibility of carrying the legacy of Lasell College into the future."

Caitlyn, who captained Lasell's field hockey team as an undergrad, represented the College on the Northeast Atlantic Conference All-Conference field hockey team, was a recipient of the Lasell Book and spent a semester abroad at Wallongong University in Australia. She graduated in 2010 with a major in Communication and now lives and works at the Westover School in Middlebury, CT, where she is an Admissions staffer, dorm parent and three-sport coach.

A former intern with the New England Patriots, she currently is part of the New York Jets organization's game day and event staff. "Lasell's internship program provided me with the confidence and experience I needed to succeed in the sports business field," Caitlyn tells *Leaves*. "I decided to support The Lasell Fund to give back to the school that I was fortunate enough to benefit from."

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